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Part 1

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FREIGHTER CASUISTIC.
CORELLIAN SPACE.



IT'S ONLY NATURAL, I SUPPOSE,
THAT HERE AT THE END OF THINGS...

... THE MIND RETURNS TO THE BEGINNINGS.

OR AT LEAST THE
BEGINNING OF THE END.

IN MY 17 STANDARD YEARS,
I'VE KNOWN SO MUCH DEATH.

EVERYONE I KNEW
GROWING UP IS
NO MORE.

I GO NOW TO BURY THE
LAST JEDI I WILL EVER KNOW.

AFTER THAT, I WILL BURY MYSELF.



INQUISITOR TREMAYNE, THANK
YOU FOR MEETING ME ON
SUCH SHORT NOTICE. ALEP.

I'M THROUGH BEING
BLACKMAILED, XIZOR.
THIS ENDS NOW.

IS THAT SO, INQUISITOR? FOR
WHICH SCENARIO DO YOU FEEL
YOUR STUNTED JEDI TRAINING
HAS ADEQUATELY PREPARED
YOU? TAKING ON THE ENTIRE
BLACK SUN ORGANIZATION...



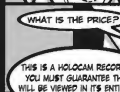
OR FACING DARTH VADER AFTER HE'S
LEARNED THAT YOU'VE BEEN HIDING
YOUR FAILURE TO CAPTURE THREE MERE
PADAWANS HERE ON CORUSCANT?

JUST YOU AND ME, PRINCE. RIGHT HERE AND NOW. I'LL DEAL WITH THE REST AS IT COMES.



YOU'VE MISJUDGED MY INTENTIONS. I DO NOT WISH TO DEMAND ANYTHING FROM YOU.

I WANT TO OFFER YOU AN EQUITABLE EXCHANGE. IN FACT, I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND IT QUITE A BARGAIN.



WHAT IS THE PRICE?

THIS IS A HOLOCAM RECORDING. YOU MUST GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL BE VIEWED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY LORD VADER HIMSELF.



THAT IS A HEFTY FEE. FOR WHAT YOU'RE ASKING OF ME, THE INFORMATION HAD BETTER BE IMPRESSIVE.



OH, THIS IS NOT MERE INTELLIGENCE...



THE SELONIAN JEDI.



HE'S NOT DEAD... JUST UNCONSCIOUS. DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

OF COURSE, YES.



WHAT'S ON THE RECORDING?
WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

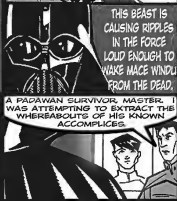
BECAUSE YOU SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE COST OF BETRAYING ME IS YOUR VERY LIFE, I AM COMFORTABLE REVEALING TO YOU THAT MY AMBITIONS EXTEND BEYOND BLACK SUN. THIS SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE.

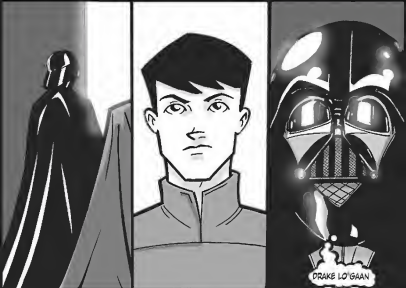


THERE ARE OTHERS IN MY WAY THAT WOULD COMPETE FOR THE SAME POWER. I WISH FOR TWO SUCH MEN TO BECOME ENEMIES.











SHOW ME THE
BEAST'S PERSONAL
AFFECTS.



HE CARRIED ONLY A LIGHTSABER, THIS
COMMUNICATION DEVICE, AND...

... A HOLOGRAM RECORDING.

IT SPLITS MESSAGES OVER MULTIPLE
TRANSPORT METHODS AND FREQUENCIES.
WE'VE NEVER SEEN THE ENCRYPTION
ALGORITHMS BEFORE.

BEEP

BUT MASTER, IF
YOU ACTIVATE...

RELEASE THE JEDI!

NOW.



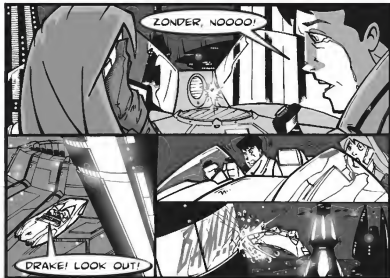
DO YOU KNOW WHO
I AM, PADAWAN?

I'M GETTING A SIGNAL FROM ZONDER!











THE VALUE OF OUR ARRANGEMENT IS ANYTHING BUT "MERE", BARON TAGGE.

POINT TAKEN.

TAGGECO. HAS DOMINATED INTER-PLANETARY COMMERCE FOR GENERATIONS.

WE ARE UBIQUITOUS... FROM THE FOOD BEINGS EAT, TO THE VEHICLES THEY DRIVE, YET EVEN COMPARED TO ITS PREVIOUS SUCCESSSES, THE COMPANY IS GROWING AT RECORD LEVELS UNDER MY LEADERSHIP... AND IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF YOUR POLITICAL SUCCESSSES, EMPEROR, OF COURSE.

YOUR AMBITION IS AS TRANSPARENT AS YOUR TRANSPARENT BARON TAGGE.

FROM ALL COUNTS, THIS DARTH VADER IS ADEPT AT MATTERS OF INTIMIDATION, BUT SOMETHING AS VAST AND AND COMPLEX AS A GALACTIC EMPIRE REQUIRES LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, FRESH IDEAS, POLITICAL SAVVY AND MANY WAYS TO MOTIVATE.

BUT THESE ARE MATTERS FOR ANOTHER TIME. SERVE ME WELL, AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED.

IT WILL BE DONE, EMPEROR. THANK YOU.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE JEDI WERE PLANNING, BUT IT MUST HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE EMPEROR.

DESTROY THE RECORDING. MENTION IT TO NO ONE.

I WILL SEND YOU ASSISTANCE IN CAPTURING THE BOY. YOU ARE TO CAPTURE HIM ALIVE.

DO NOT FAIL ME AGAIN, INQUISITOR.

BRING HIM DIRECTLY TO ME.

LT. LEKAUF, ACCESS REPUBLIC CLONE WAR'S RECORDS. SHOW ME THE FINAL REPORT FROM FELUCIA.

YES, LORD VADER. ACCESSING NOW.

GENERALS AAYLA SECURA AND BARRISS OFFEE LED THE ASSAULT.

THE 327TH STAR CORPS TERMINATED THE TWO JEDI AFTER THEY WERE DISCOVERED ATTEMPTING TO POISON THE PLANET'S DELICATE WATER TABLE.



ONLY TWO JEDI ACCOUNTED FOR? NO APPRENTICES?

TEMPLE RECORDS INDICATE NO JEDI-IN-TRAINING ON THE FELUCIA MISSION.



ARE ANY MISSION OFFICERS STILL IN SERVICE?

TWO ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY AT YUTUSK...



COMMANDER BLY AND LT. GALLE



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TRANSMISSION
FROM CORUSCANT.



IT'S PRIORITY SIGNAL BRAVO.
SEND ME A SOUVENIR FROM
THE KESSEL SPICE MINES.

NICE.



LISTEN, ORMAN, I WANTED TO TELL YOU... I'VE BEEN HEARING THINGS AROUND THE BARRACKS. STRANGE THINGS ABOUT THE EMPEROR AND THAT DARTH VADER

THERE ARE STORIES OF STRANGE RITUALS, SECRET LAIRS AND UNNATURAL POWERS

FORGET DARTH VADER. IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT, IT COULD BE ME RULING THE GALAXY AT PALPATINE'S SIDE

WHAT KIND OF THINGS?

NO ONE EVEN KNOWS WHERE THIS DARTH VADER CAME FROM, BUT SOME OF THE RUMORS ARE VERY DISTURBING

ALL I'M SAYING IS BE CAREFUL WITH THESE PEOPLE. YOU MAY NOT KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO



NO JUNIOR JEDI HAS COMPROMISED THE IMPERIAL HOLONET.

IF THIS GIRL RELIES SO HEAVILY ON INTEL...

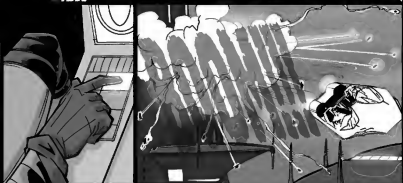
WE MUST BE ABLE TO TRACK HER MOVEMENTS IN THE SYSTEM

WE COULD ATTACH ACCESS-MARKERS TO SPECIFIC DATA NODES. IF SHE TRIGGER'S ENOUGH OF THEM, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BACK-TRACE WHATEVER MARKING SHE HAS IN PLACE.

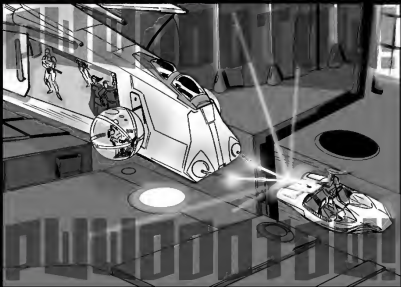
WITH ALL RESPECT, CHIEF, HAVE YOU EVER WORKED WITH A JEDI?

DO IT.





















I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU, MURDERER.



YOUR
SELONIAN FRIEND WAS
HONORABLE, BUT DIED
BECAUSE HE COULD NOT
EMBRACE THE
TRUTH.

WHAT TRUTH?



THAT THE JEDI WERE
TRAITORS PLOTTING TO
MURDER CHANCELLOR
PALPATINE AND OVERTHROW
THE GALACTIC SENATE.

YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO BE IN ON
THE PLOT PADAWAN, BUT I PERSONALLY
WITNESSED THE TREACHERY OF MACE
WINDU AND THE JEDI COUNCIL.



LIAR!



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE JEDI
KILLED ANY OF THEIR OWN LOYAL
TO THE CHANCELLOR? ANAKIN
SKYWALKER, RORAN COROBB AND
OTHERS WERE MURDERED AT
JEDI HANDS.



HOW DARE YOU EVEN SPEAK THE
NAME OF RORAN COROBB. HE WAS
MY MASTER AND HE WAS KILLED
BY GENERAL GREIVOUS.

MY CONDOLENCES...

BUT YOU HAVE BEEN DECEIVED
YOUNG DRAKE. MASTER COROBB
WAS KILLED BY SHAAK TI AND
MACE WINDU TO ALLOW GREIVOUS
TO CAPTURE THE CHANCELLOR.



AND WHEN ANAKIN SKYWALKER
FOILED THE PLOT...

...THE COUNCIL SENT OB-WAN
KENOBI TO HUNT AND KILL HIM.







YOU ARE NEEDED A POWERFUL PRESENCE IN THE ROOM LORD VADER, BUT THAT IS AS FAR AS YOUR REACH EXTENDS. ISN'T IT? I WONDER WHEN THE EMPEROR WILL START LOOKING FOR MORE?



YOU CALL THE JEDI TRAITORS FOR DISLOYALTY TO PALPATINE. YET HERE YOU STAND ON A SECRET MISSION ABOUT TO STRIKE DOWN A VALUABLE TOOL OF THE EMPEROR JUST TO SATIATE YOUR OWN EGO.























SKREEEEEEEE

CHIK
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CHIK

UHHHHH...

WHELLO...

IS SOMEONE THERE?

CLANG!

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IN THE END, IT WASN'T AS HARD AS
THOUGHT TO FAKE MY OWN DEATH

I'D BEEN KEEPING MY EYE ON DLY'S
SERVICE RECORDS SINCE FELUDA. WHEN
VADER CALLED HIM, IT WAS OBVIOUS
OUR COVER WAS BLOWN.

VADER'S PLOTS FLIGHT PLANS TOLD ME
IT WOULD BE TERASI. HIS ASSISTANTS
REPEATED RECORDS ACCESS FOR ORMAN
TAGGE TOLD ME WHY.

SCHEMATICS REVEALED AN ISOLATED
LOCATION, WITH ADEQUATE ELECTRICAL
GROUNDING, DISTRACTIONS AND
ESCAPE ROUTES.

INQUISITOR TREMAYNE HAD BECOME TOO EMOTIONAL ABOUT US. HE COULDN'T BE TRUSTED TO TAKE US TO HIS MASTER.



A DIRECT APPROACH WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE I HAD THE RIGHT AUDIENCE.



TRIPPING OFF A FEW OF THEIR CLUMSY DATA-ACCESS TRIGGERS KEPT ME ON MY TAL TO TEPAL.

IT WOULDN'T STOP A LIGHTSABER, BUT A PRE-GROUNDED NEUTRAL CONDUCTING SUIT WOULD SAFELY DISSIPATE THE ENERGY OF SEVERAL BLASTER SHOTS.



THE FINAL TOUCH WAS TO TRADE THE WORKINGS OF MY LIGHTSABER WITH A YOUNGLING'S TRAINING LIGHTSABER.



THE WILDCARD WAS DRINK.

HE HAD TO FIND A WAY TO GET MY LIGHTSABER INTO DARTH VADER'S HANDS.



